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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. The present statement is provided to facilitate the work of the Sixth Committee and does not make reference to the various programme aspects, which would normally be presented with the financial implications of the above resolution.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16, the General Assembly would decide to convene a second session of the Working Group of the Whole of the Sixth Committee, for a period of two weeks, from 24 March to 4 April 1997, to elaborate a framework convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

3. The above request is related to section 26E, Conference services of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Services would be provided for the meeting of the Working Group of the Whole of the Sixth Committee to be held from 24 March to 4 April 1997.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

5. Conference-servicing requirements for the meeting of the Working Group are estimated on a full-cost basis at $288,900, based on the following assumptions:

(a) Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Working Group would convene for a period of two weeks, from 24 March to 4 April 1997;

(b) The requirements would be for two meetings per day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), with interpretation services in all six official languages. Ten pages of pre-session, 30 pages of in-session and 30 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages would also be required;

(c) The inclusion of the meeting would be additional to the approved calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1996-1997. The question of accommodating the additional meeting in the 1997 calendar is under review and subject to a recommendation to be made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly at its current session.

E. Summary

6. Should draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16 be adopted, the requirements are estimated at $288,900, based on the following assumptions:

Conference-servicing requirements

(United States dollars)

Pre-session documentation	12 600
Meeting servicing	201 700
In-session documentation	40 700
Post-session documentation	33 900
Total	288 900

7. Such requirements would be considered in the context of the Fifth Committee's decision, including the issue of accommodating the additional meeting in 1997 in the calendar of conferences, in December 1996, when it considers the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.